

# The Daily Courant.

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**T**HE following Abstract of a Letter, is from a Gentleman who arriv'd at Barcelona some time after the Battle of Almanza. There are some things in it that have been long since advis'd from other Hands; but there are also several Particulars that well recommend it to the Publick View.

Barcelona, Aug. 1. 'I expected to have heard at my Arrival here, that the Enemy had vigorously prosecuted the Advantages they gain'd by the Battle of Almanza. The publick News had told us for a great while they would do so, assuring us that they every Day expected the Train of Artillery from Pampelona, in order to undertake the Siege of Lerida, or any other they thought fit; Barcelona being the only Town secure from their Insults. And indeed, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of last Month, the chief Body of the Enemy, who 'twas said were 25000 Men strong, commanded by the Duke of Orleans, were on this Side the Segra, over which River they had 2 Bridges; the one above, the other below Lerida, which they might have invested whenever they pleas'd. They had besides another Body of 4 or 5000 Men on the Ebro at Miravez and Benisaner, that would have favour'd an Enterprize on Tortosa. M. Mahony was at the same time besieging Denia, with 7 or 8000 Men: And M. de Noailles commanded in the Lampourdan another Body of 3 or 6000 Men. Notwithstanding this good Disposition, Denia, the Garrison of which Place consisted only of 200 Portuguese, 150 English, and 600 Peasants, has made a brave Defence, inasmuch that M. Mahony, after having given 5 several Assaults, in which he lost a great Number of his Men, has thought fit to retire towards Valencia, having lost some Pieces of Cannon, and some Ammunition in a Salley which our Troops made upon him in his Retreat.

The Body that was on the Ebro, is march'd up the Side of that River; and the principal Army, which some Days ago repass'd the Segra, to post themselves between that River and the Cinca, have lately taken away all the Bridges they had on the Segra, and are marching towards Moncon, nor can we yet tell what has induc'd them to make that Motion; but conjecture 'tis the Necessity they were under of taking Quarters of Refreshment, their Army suffering very much by the Heats: My Lord Galloway, with a Body of Horse, has always kept within Reach of the main Army of the Enemy, on this side the Segra. He will put his Troops into Quarters of Refreshment, as soon as he is certain that the Enemy have done so by theirs. The Prince of Darmstadt commands in Lerida, where there is a numerous Garrison and

plenty of all things. The Count de Noyelles commands a small Body near Gironne, with which he often insults the Enemies Post, has lately taken several Prisoners, and 50 Mules belonging to their Artillery. The Battalions, which my Lord Galloway is raising at the Expence of the Queen of England, will soon be compleat. I was surpriz'd to find in Barcelona a Garrison of 6500 Men, well arm'd, and new cloath'd, without one Farthing Expence to the King. This Garrison will be augmented in case of Need to 15 or 20000 Men; and this, together with the Difficulty of bringing before Barcelona the Necessaries for a Siege, render this Town unattackable, as long as the Enemy are not in a Condition to appear at Sea. Since what I have here written to you, we have Advice that the Enemy are again drawing together, and we have intercepted a Letter from M. de Legal to the Commissary General of the Provisions, wherein he earnestly presses him to take care to provide the Army with Bread for 4 Days; which leaves no room for doubt but that they will attempt something very speedily.

Barcelona, Aug. 14. 'Some Days ago 3 or 400 Hussars of the French Army, having enter'd into the Valley of Bennecarra, the Miquelets, commanded by Doctor Pontz, and some other Leaders surrounded and defeated them; so that not above 30 of them escap'd.

Tortosa, Aug. 10. The Enemy have Evacuated all the Country on the other side of the Ebro. The Troops they had there are gone to joyn the Main Army under the Duke of Orleans. Collonel Don Filia Giraldo pursu'd the Straglers with a Detachment, kill'd them 35 Horses, 25 Soldiers, and took 14 Prisoners. The said Collonel is gone to Morra to receive the Allegiance of the People; and almost all the Villages of this Castellany, return'd to their Obedience as soon as the Enemy were gone.

'They write from Denia of the 3<sup>d</sup> of August, that the Enemy in their Retreat left behind them 4 Pieces of Cannon at Gandia, and Oliva, from whence they dare not remove for fear they should fall into the Hands of the Miquelets: and the same Apprehension has made them secure all their Baggage in Valencia. The Governor of Denia is repairing the Breach of that Town, which he defended with the greatest Bravery.

Lerida, Aug. 10. 'The several Motions of the Enemy having ended in the Attack of the Castle of Moncon, we have reason to believe it has Surrender'd, since for three Days past we have heard no Firing: And our belief is confirmed by Deserters, who say 'tis taken. However, we hear nothing yet from the Officer who commanded in that Castle, and we are impatient to hear what made him give it up so soon, seeing it was so very strong by its situation.

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'The Enemy, who lie incamp'd with their Right at Moncon, and at Balaguer with their Left, give out they will let their Troops take some Days Refreshment, and then form the Siege of Lerida. The Place is provided with all things necessary. The Prince of Darmstadt, who commands in it, has desir'd that his Garrison might be reinforc'd, which is accordingly done.

'The Enemy have abandon'd the Lampourdon, and are retir'd into Roussillon.

'We know not yet what is become of the Garrison of Xativa and Alcira, whom the Enemy carry from Place to Place in Spain, in Breach of the Articles of their Capitulations, by which 'twas Stipulated, that they should be conducted the nearest way to Barcelona. My Lord Gallway has given Notice of this to all the Generals of the Allies, that they may use Reprisals on the Enemy, if any Opportunity should Offer.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Sept. 20.

Vienna, Sept. 7. The Cardinal of Saxe-Zeyts and the Marquis de Prie, the first of whom has been at Cologne, and the last in Italy, have given the Emperor an Account of their Negotiations. We have Advice from Hungary, that the Imperial Troops, who lay near Edembourg, knowing that the Troops of the Malecontents increas'd very much in that Neighbourhood, had thrown themselves into that Town, to be out of Danger: Of which Count Staremberg having Notice, resolv'd to come on this side the Danube, to inform himself truly of the Enemy's Strength, and to give the necessary Orders to frustrate their Designs; so that the said General was daily expected at Edembourg; but his Troops were to remain in the mean while near Neuhausel, and to execute his Orders. According to our Advices from Buda, the Body under Count Rabutin, who came thither the 27th of August, was march'd onwards towards Transilvania, but his Soldiers deserted apace. The Sick, and the Troopers who had no Horses are sent to Peterwaradin, from whence they will go to Segedin, to wait there for the Troops under Count Rabutin, and march in Conjunction with them to Transilvania. Several Travellers and Deserters report, that the Enemy's Generals Caroli, Esterhafi, and Kereftsch are lying with 18000 Men on this side Pest, designing not to come to a Battle with the Imperialists, but to incommode them by intercepting their Convoys, and constantly making Excursions with Parties. P. Ragotski is busy in Transilvania, in giving Orders for the Affairs there, and in taking such Measures that our Troops who are on their Way thither, may not take up their Winter-Quarters in that Country: But 'tis hop'd he will not compass his Designs, because General Rabutin would thereby be reduc'd to great Streights. The Court is employ'd in making all things ready for the Departure of the Princess of Wolfembuttel, the Bride of the King of Spain Charles III. 'Tis reported that the Prince of Salm will lay down his Office of Master of the Household; and 'tis believ'd Count Trautson will succeed him.

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